

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 10/2/64

FROM : [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

ATTENTION: CORRESPONDENCE
AND TOURSSUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference Bureau letter dated 9/30/64 by HELEN W.
GANDY to Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] California.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of an article entitled "The John Birch Society, a Report" which appeared as a 16-page advertising supplement to the "Los Angeles Times" issue of Sunday, September 27, 1964. NICK B. WILLIAMS is the editor of the "Los Angeles Times."

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Los Angeles file 100-57962 reflects that in 1959, the Office of Special Investigations, District 18, Maywood, California, conducted an investigation on [REDACTED] the Kaynar Manufacturing Company, Inc., 7875 Telegraph Road, Rivera, California, and requested any information in the files of the Los Angeles Office. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) records reflected that [REDACTED] was a member of the National Lawyers Guild in 1949 and was then living in New York. This information was originally furnished to OSI by the Bureau. The OSI investigation developed no additional subversive information and files of the Los Angeles Office contain no subversive information concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GERALDINE ROBBINS DREYFUSS, was the subject of Los Angeles file 100-63056, Bureau file 100-437952. A summary of the information in the Los Angeles files concerning GERALDINE DREYFUSS is set forth in Los Angeles letter and letterhead-memorandum captioned "GERALDINE DREYFUSS" dated July 10, 1962. Neither [REDACTED] have been the subjects of an active investigation by the Los Angeles Office and neither of them are on the Security Index or the Reserve Index.

One copy of the enclosed article concerning the John Birch Society is being retained in the Los Angeles file.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach b6
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FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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DATE: 10-12-64

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During the last week of September and the first week of October, 1964, the Director received several letters from individuals residing in the Los Angeles, California, area regarding an advertisement appearing in the "Los Angeles Times" on 9-27-64. Most interpreted the photograph of the Director and quoted statement to be an implied endorsement of the John Birch Society by Mr. Hoover. Appropriate answers were prepared and sent to these individuals setting forth the Bureau's position. Los Angeles was instructed to obtain a copy of this advertisement for the Bureau's information. By letter dated 10-2-64 Los Angeles forwarded a copy of the sixteen page, color advertising supplement to the "Los Angeles Times" for 9-27-64.

A review of the supplement shows a color photograph of Captain John Birch of the United States Army for whom the society was named. Thereafter for several pages both statements and photographs are set forth depicting the history and nature of this organization. Action programs are described and a page is devoted to the communist attack against this group. Also a page is set out reporting the findings of the California Senate investigation. On page fourteen the theme is: National Leaders Say: and photographs of former President Eisenhower, former Agricultural Secretary Benson, Senator Thurmond, Negro minister Ward, former FBI Agent Skousen and statements attributed to them are set out. The first photograph is that of the Director and a two sentence quotation from his remarks before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 3-26-47 is accurately printed. The supplement also has an application blank to apply to become a member of this group.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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CORRESPONDENCE

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: John Birch Society

OBSERVATION:

The method in which the Director's photograph is set out can be construed by individuals to be an implied clearance of this group by the Director; however, the Director does not name the John Birch Society and his statement is accurately quoted, although out of context, and properly identified as to time and place. In effect, they quoted from a statement of Mr. Hoover's which is a matter of public record. Other national leaders quoted actually used the name of the John Birch Society in their comments.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ARTICLE BY FORMER AGENT
W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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We have received the September, 1964, issue of "American Opinion," the monthly publication by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. Inside the back cover is printed an article by W. Cleon Skousen entitled "J. Edgar Hoover." The Director's picture is carried on the front cover. Skousen's article is entirely highly favorable about the Director. It is in essence a thumbnail sketch of Mr. Hoover's 40-year career as Director of the FBI. It ends with reference to the President's order exempting the Director from the compulsory retirement rule age 70.

The Director's picture which is carried on the front cover appears to be a painting, probably based on a photograph, and bears what appears to be the name of its artist, Daniel Michael Canavan.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

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The activities of Skousen are well known to the Bureau. He Entered on Duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October, 5, 1951. In recent years he has been aligned closely with the extreme right-wing such as the John Birch Society and has been characterized as an "unprincipled racketeer in anticommunism" who is "money mad" and who is doing everything and anything to exploit the subject of anticommunism.

Bureau files reveal Skousen has always been a strong supporter of the Bureau and the Director; however, he has not hesitated to trade on his former association with the Bureau in order to achieve stature as a writer and lecturer on anticommunism. In view of this, it is not felt we should acknowledge his favorable comments about Mr. Hoover.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Bufiles reflect that in 1951 the Bureau conducted a Departmental applicant investigation on a [redacted] of New York City. This investigation revealed that [redacted] had been discharged from the Army in 1946 because of "schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type." A later name check form on [redacted] reflected that he was self-employed as a [redacted]

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Though there is no indication that we gave permission to Welch to use the Director's picture on the cover of his magazine, it is felt nothing would be gained by protesting to him.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/23/64

FROM : SAC, BUTTE

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SUBJECT: UNSUB aka

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Enclosed for the Bureau's information is an undated letter with the printed signature [redacted] which is furnished the Bureau in the event similar letters are brought to the Bureau's attention.

The letter has been originally typed and reproduced with some type of duplicating machine.

Several identical letters have been mailed in Montana, including the towns of Three Forks, Bozeman, and Columbus, during the period 10/13-17/64. One was mailed to the FBI Office at Butte, Montana, and one each to the Pastors of the Catholic Churches at Bozeman and Big Timber, Montana. 20 to 25 were left on the literature table at Democratic Headquarters, Baxter Hotel, Bozeman. (Democratic Headquarters officials attribute this to efforts of the JOHN BIRCH Society.)

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 URGENT 10-29-64
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM HOUSTON 292240

ALLEGED JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ACTIVITY FOR OCTOBER 31, 1964,
 MISC INFO CONCERNING.

AT 4:20 PM OCTOBER 29, 1964 INFO RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), TO THE EFFECT HE HAS LEARNED THAT
 ALL CHAPTER LEADERS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY HAVE BEEN
 DIRECTED TO ALERT MEMBERS TO STAND BY FROM 12 NOON TO 6 PM
 ON OCTOBER 31, 1964 FOR AN "EXTRA SPECIAL ACTIVITY WHICH IS
 TO BE A POLITICAL BOMBSHELL."

NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN HOUSTON,

/UACB.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau

RECEIVED: 6:34 PM [REDACTED]

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 10-29-64

[redacted]
[redacted] in the Attorney
General's Office, on 10-28-64,
furnished Mr. [redacted] information
identical with that in attached
teletype. [redacted] identified his
source as [redacted]
associated with the Anti-
Defamation League in Washington.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 29 1964

TELETYPE

FBI PHILA

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URGENT 10-29-64 JM

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA /100-45661/ 1P

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, *RM. Racial Matter*

LOCAL SOURCE ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY TODAY OF *information* INFO RE
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BEING CIRCULATED WITHIN THE ANTI-DEFAMATION
LEAGUE OF B-NAI BRITH BY ADL NATIONAL OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY

QUOTE "CHAPTER LEADER ~~PAREN~~ (OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY) ~~END PAREN~~
HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ALERT ALL THEIR MEMBERS TO STAND BY ON
SATURDAY, OCT. THIRTYONE, FROM TWELVE NOON TO SIX P.M., FOR AN
EXTRA SPECIAL JOHN BIRCH ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ELECTION CAMPAIGN. NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AS TO THE NATURE
OF THE ACTIVITY EXCEPT THAT IT WILL BE A ~~SINGLE QUOTE~~ POLITICAL
BOMBSHELL ~~END SINGLE QUOTE, END QUOTE.~~

PHILA. SOURCE ALSO CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISING PHILA. POLICE
DEPT. ACCORDINGLY, PHILA. MAKING NO LOCAL DISSEMINATION
SINCE PROPOSED ACTIVITY MAY BE OF VALID POLITICAL NATURE.

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BUREAU DESIRES FURTHER INQUIRY MADE

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. SULLIVAN
FBI WASH DC

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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10/28/64

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1982)(P)
RE: HENRIK RICHARD E. HEDDER
Publisher Independent
Press-Telegram
Long Beach, California
MEMORANDUM (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Rebmairtel 10/13/64 and airtel 10/23/64.

Enclosed herewith are 6 briefs forwarded to this office by captioned individual.

One brief analyzes pertinent passages from "Mein Kampf" by ADOLPH HITLER for comparison with comments in 5 briefs on principal publications of the John Birch Society by ROBERT HILTON. Receipt of this material has been acknowledged and it is being forwarded herewith for Bureau's information.

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(OHIO)

NEW YORK--REP. ROBERT TAFT JR., R-OHIO, SAID TODAY HE WAS BACKING SEN. GOLDWATER FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND BELIEVED THE ARIZONA SENATOR WOULD CARRY OHIO IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

TAFT MADE HIS REMARKS DURING A DEBATE WITH HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT IN THE OHIO SENATORIAL RACE, SEN. STEPHEN YOUNG, ON THE TV PROGRAM "TODAY" (UNBC-TV).

SEN. YOUNG SAID THAT GOLDWATER, WHOM HE REFERRED TO AS THE TEMPORARY SPOKESMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, "AND MY OPPONENT HAVE THE SUPPORT IN OHIO OF THE RADICAL EXTREMIST RIGHT WING PRINCE, THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, WHICH J. EDGAR HOOVER, JUST THE OTHER DAY, SAID...WERE AS DANGEROUS TO OUR NATION AS EXTREMISTS OF THE LEFT."

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

DO NOT REMOVE
MATERIAL FROM ENVELOPE
MARK OR DEFACE IT IN ANY WAY!

United States Senate

October 30, 1964

Respectfully referred to

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

John Sparkman

GPO 16-73897-1

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

DATE: 11/3/64

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Mr. CLAUDE D. BORING of Lake Placid, Florida (telephone Homestead 5-4691), telephonically contacted me on 11/2/64 advising that he is the Florida State coordinator of the captioned society. He made reference to a document which was partly reprinted in the "St. Petersburg Times" on October 29, which article indicated that the document in question was being distributed at a John Birch Society meeting. The document in question apparently advised men, women and children to buy high-powered rifles and shotguns against the event of a GOLDWATER defeat. BORING said he was quite alarmed by the story and that he had received quite a number of calls from individuals saying that they wanted to join the John Birch Society on the strong stand shown in this document.

BORING said that the John Birch Society did not distribute such a document and that as far as he can determine from the chapter presidents in the state, none of the chapters are distributing such a document. He said that the document does not represent the policy of the John Birch Society and he resented the inference that it did. He further advised that he traced this document to the Minute Men, Box 68, Norbourne, Missouri, and that it was taken from that group's April 1, 1964, bulletin. He requested advice as to what to do in the matter. I told him I was not in any position to advise him in the matter.

In this connection, transmitted herewith are an editorial appearing in the "Tampa Tribune" 11/2/64 captioned "Looking for Doomsday" and an article appearing in the 11/3/64 issue of the "Tampa Tribune" captioned "Birch Society Disclaims 'Call to Arms' Document."

Bureau's attention is likewise directed to Tampa airtel and letterhead memorandum, both dated 11/3/64, captioned "Minute Men; Information Concerning; IS-C."

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10/15/64

D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. HERMAN H. RIDDER
PUBLISHER
INDEPENDENT PRESS-TELEGRAM
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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By letter dated 10/9/64, captioned individual, who is on the Special Correspondents' List, forwarded a copy of the "American Opinion," upon which cover appears a photograph of the Director; the color advertising supplement to the "Los Angeles Times" for 9/27/64; a copy of an article appearing in the "Times" on 10/1/64 wherein General Eisenhower repudiated his statement appearing in connection with the John Birch Society (JBS) advertisement and an alleged call to FBI Headquarters wherein the FBI disclaimed any authorization for Mr. Hoover's photograph in this advertising supplement; and a circular apparently being passed around by the American Medical Association (AMA) in this area urging political awareness for their better interests.

Ridder notes that the JBS has long used Mr. Hoover in a similar capacity and wondered whether it was being employed with the Director's consent. Ridder shared the Director's concern about the menace of communism but did not believe that "Fascist-Nazi" methods are the only way to fight communism. Ridder then asked what could be considered a rhetorical question by wondering whether Mr. Hoover would do an article for his newspapers or a major national magazine which would show that Mr. Hoover believes all of the leaders of the western world in the last 30 years have been communists or fellow travelers and whether Mr. Hoover agreed the best way to fight communism is to attack our government, courts and freedoms as they exist. Ridder also refers to contacts with the California State Attorney General Stanley Mosk and his article in the "Look" magazine on extremists. Ridder also offers to furnish us data about these matters.

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The 9/27/64 advertising supplement of the JBS published by the "Los Angeles Times" has been brought to our attention previously, along with the known efforts on the part of the JBS to frequently quote the Director. The book, "None Dare Call It Treason," mentioned by the AMA is known in Bufiles as a right- and wing attack on all segments of our society. All of these issues, namely the JBS, AMA, Stormer's book figure in the current presidential campaign as allegedly supporters of Senator Goldwater's views.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures

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Mr. Morrell to Mr. DeLoach Memorandum
Mr. Herman H. Ridder

OBSERVATIONS:

To answer Ridder's concern about authorization of the use of the Director's photo and statements by the JBS can be handled with no difficulty. However, his request for an article going right to the heart of the controversial issues raised would inject the FBI and the Director into the political campaigns and issues facing the Nation. Actually, the articles and speeches of the Director have already answered the very questions Ridder poses. In view of our cordial relations with Ridder and his paper, it is felt a declination to furnish such an article could best be handled by an Agent contact. His offer to furnish data should be accepted in general terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be directed to Los Angeles instructing the SAC to furnish Ridder the Bureau's position concerning the JBS and advertisements published by this group and instructing him to decline on behalf of the Director the invitation to write an article such as he mentioned. In addition, Ridder's offer to furnish data should be accepted in general terms.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 11/5/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

ReTPlet 11/3/64 making reference to a telephone call received from one CLAUDE D. BORING of Lake Placid, Florida, on 11/2/64.

In this connection, articles from the following newspapers are enclosed:

"Clearwater Sun," Clearwater, Florida, 10/29/64, captioned "Birchers Deny Pamphlet Link."

"St. Petersburg Times," St. Petersburg, Florida, 10/29/64 - "St. Petersburg Birchers Told To Arm Selves, Buy Guns for Children."
10/30/64 - "Bryant Against Registration of Firearms."
11/1/64 - "Birch President Disowns Guerrilla-Type Document."

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 11/13/64

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-9556)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of a news item 11/11/64 from The Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah. This item reflects ROBERT W. LEE, 121 East Whitlock Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been named as Assistant to the Washington, D.C., representative of the John Birch Society.

It was earlier announced that REED A. BENSON, 174 Alta Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, had been appointed by the John Birch Society as its representative in Washington, D. C. BENSON is the son of EZRA TAFT BENSON, former Secretary of Agriculture in the EISENHOWER administration, who is a high-ranking official of the LDS (Mormon) Church. REED BENSON has served for the past two years as Coordinator for the John Birch Society in Utah. The Bureau has considerable correspondence concerning REED A. BENSON and speeches he has made in behalf of the John Birch Society.

Above for information purposes.

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Date 11-16-64

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Editor JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Suburban Station Building • Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

EDITORIAL

A STORER STATION

AM 990

FM 94.1

Thursday, November 12, 1964

Edward F. Devenney
Editorial Director

IS IT A CRIME FOR POLICEMEN TO BELONG TO THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY?

The Philadelphia ^{PA}Inquirer yesterday revealed that the Philadelphia ~~Police~~ Department is investigating policemen who are members of the John Birch Society. The newspaper reports that two cells of Birch Society members, involving at least 14 policemen, have been uncovered. WIBG sees no reason at all for this investigation. The policemen have done nothing unlawful. The Birch Society has been thoroughly investigated in Washington, and has not been placed on any subversive list.

The morale of the Philadelphia police department is already too low. Such investigations will accomplish nothing except to lower morale even further.

The Inquirer story disclosed the names of four policemen who have acknowledged that they are members of the John Birch Society. Yet, when policemen were interviewed, their superiors promised that their names would not be made public. Policemen were told that there is nothing wrong with belonging to the Society as long as it does not interfere with the officer's performance of his duty.

WIBG is not interested in defending or condemning the John Birch Society, BUT we are deeply interested in seeing that the policemen involved ... and their families ... get a fair deal. It's obvious that they have not been treated fairly by the release of their names, and the resultant publicity.

Among the proudest possessions we have in America are the right of free speech and the right to hold opposing political viewpoints. Is our society now so perfect that we can afford to withdraw those rights?

Let's drop this investigation now. Let's turn the Police Department's undercover investigators loose on other more important matters...such as halting the serious and mounting crime wave in Philadelphia.

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WIBG offers a reasonable opportunity to reply to the views expressed in this editorial to a responsible person or group representing a significant opposing viewpoint, provided request for reply time is submitted to WIBG within one week of this broadcast.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 19, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JOHN H. ROUSSELOT,
ROBERT WELCH,
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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For record purposes, John H. Rousselot in California, called the Director's Office at 10:30 a. m. today. He was transferred to Special Agent Adcock in my office. He is the former California Congressman who is now the public relations director for the John Birch Society.

Rousselot told Mr. Adcock, he had heard a television commentator announce the Director had stated yesterday he has no respect for Robert Welch, President of the Birch Society. He asked for comment. Adcock told him, it would not be possible to comment on his question. Rousselot then asked if he could speak with the Director. He was told that Mr. Hoover was not in his office.

Mr. Rousselot said he wanted to get confirmation of this report so that the Birch people would know where they stand with the Director. He then asked if Mr. Hoover would see a telegram if one was sent in. On being told that the Director would see it, Rousselot said he would send one. *Has been received.*

Mr. Rousselot specifically stated that he did not really care whether the Director did or did not like Welch, but he was merely interested in finding out just what opinion, if any, Mr. Hoover had expressed concerning Welch.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT:

JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

At 10:30 a. m., 11-19-64, John H. Rousselot called the Director's office from California. He was transferred to Special Agent H. H. Adcock in your office. As you know, Rousselot is the former California Congressman who is now the public relations director for the John Birch Society.

Rousselot told Adcock he had heard a television commentator announce the Director had stated on 11-18-64 he had no respect for Robert Welch, President of the Birch Society, and Rousselot asked for comments. Adcock told him he had no comment to make and Rousselot then asked if he could speak to Mr. Hoover. He was told the Director was not in his office.

Rousselot said he wanted to get confirmation of the report so that the Birch people would know where they stand with the Director. He asked if Mr. Hoover would see a telegram if one was sent in and upon being told the Director would see it, Rousselot said he would send one. Rousselot specifically stated he did not really care whether the Director did or did not like Welch; he was merely interested in finding out just what opinion, if any, Mr. Hoover had expressed concerning Welch.

Rousselot's telegram of 11-19-64 has been received. He stated a television news commentator in Los Angeles reported that Mr. Hoover said he had absolutely no use for Mr. Robert Welch; that Rousselot called Director's office to have the statement confirmed or denied; that Mr. Adcock asked Rousselot to make inquiry by telegram and that Director's response would be greatly appreciated.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Rousselot is not quite accurate in indicating Special Agent Adcock asked for telegram as Adcock only stated in answer to response that if Rousselot sent telegram in Mr. Hoover would see it. The Director has seen the telegram, Rousselot has heard the news report of the Director's statement and there is nothing to be gained by making any additional comment to him.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Rousselot's telegram be ignored.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Att.: Crime Records

John Birch

☐ SAC Section Title Society

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☐ Agent Attached for info.

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☐ CC John Birch Society

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

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☐ See me

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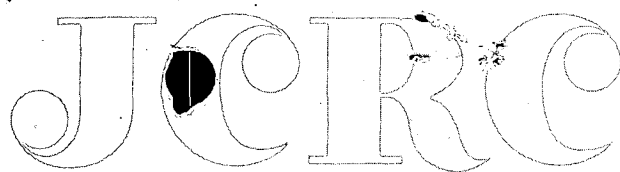
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November 18, 1964

Hon. James H. ~~J~~Tate
Mayor, City of Philadelphia
City Hall
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Tate:

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia commends you for your forthright condemnation of the John Birch Society, and Police Commissioner Leary for his investigation which resulted in the disclosure of John Birch Society cells in the Police Department. The investigation and your statement take on added meaning because of the sensitive nature and key role of the Police Department in city government.

Our deep concern about the John Birch Society is rooted in the commitment of the JCRC to American constitutional government; to the fostering, through democratic means, of equality of rights and opportunities without regard to race, religion, ethnic origin or nativity; of freedom of religious thought and practice, of freedom of opinion, expression and association; and of amicable relationships among groups on a basis of mutual acceptance with respect for difference.

The John Birch Society is a monolithically structured, semi-secret, authoritarian organization, which is avowedly anti-democratic and which, in the name of anti-Communism, organizes itself by cells and emulates the entire gamut of Communist techniques of economic pressures, infiltration and domination of organizations.

The Society has demonstrated its capacity for organizing campaigns of social action. It has produced a heavy volume of demand from many parts of the nation for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. It has conducted organized attacks on schools, church associations and libraries in many communities. It has waged an intensive campaign of pressure against desegregation. The Society is an ultra-reactionary group and there is disturbing evidence of a coalescence of extremist groups around it, including professional hate-mongers and bigots.

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Mayor James H. J. Tate

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The organization has insidious appeal because it offers scapegoats for vast world problems in a time of frustration, uncertainty, fear and tension resulting from the international situation. The Society is dangerous because it threatens the American political pattern. Like Communism, it is totalitarian in philosophy and its solutions to our problems lie in curtailment of individual liberty - economic, social and political.

The Society has attracted a growing membership, including past members of Congress, industrial leaders and military officers of high rank. Many have joined under the mistaken impression that the John Birch Society effectively attacks Communism.

The threat of Communism is real. Americans must ever remain alert against subversion in our land. But, the real threat of Communism is from abroad. While we must guard against internal threats, too great a preoccupation with that aspect of Communism diverts us from the essential menace having its centers in the Kremlin and in Peking.

The John Birch Society is a confusing and divisive force. The program of the Society constitutes a disservice to the true interests of the nation. The policies and methods of the organization are antithetical to the principles of freedom and justice to which the JCRC and its member agencies are committed.

Constitutional civil liberties are the best safeguards for the security of all religious, racial and ethnic groups. These freedoms and the Constitution itself are under attack by the John Birch Society.

We urge the Police Department, for as long as may be necessary, to continue with its investigation and exposure of the number of police officers who are members of the John Birch Society; to review frequently and periodically the records of such police officers to insure that their activities as members of the Society do not conflict with their responsibilities as members of the police force. Prompt and appropriate action should be taken against any such police officers who fail properly to perform their duties in all respects. The administrators of the Philadelphia Police Department are charged with the duty of providing the City with a police force that can effectively and, at all times, enforce the law. They must not permit membership in the John Birch Society of police personnel to threaten or undermine the effectiveness of the Police Department.

Sincerely,

ROBERT K. GREENFIELD,
President of Jewish Community Center

I. DAVID PINCUS, Chairman
JCRC Committee on Civil Liberties,
Defamation and Violence

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cc: Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary